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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

In response to the notice of non-compliant appeal brief issued on June 27, 2005, a response to which is due by July 27, 2007, Applicant draws attention to section (5) of the Appeal Brief as filed.

Because many of the claims have elements that are supported by the same portions of the specification, Applicant prepared section (5) in a way that would avoid unnecessary duplication of text. In this way, section (5) complies with Rule 41.37(c)(5)'s requirement of a *concise* explanation of the subject matter of the independent claims on appeal.

Extending between pages 4 and 6 of the Appeal Brief is a reference table having three columns. Each row of the table corresponds to support for a claim element. The first column of each row is an indexing letter used to identify the row. The second column identifies the location of the supporting content. Where the supporting content is text, the third column is a verbatim quote of that text.

This reference table is followed by a series of two-column claim tables, each of which corresponds to an independent claim. Each such claim table has rows corresponding to the individual paragraphs of the claims. For each row, the first column lists the text of one paragraph of a claim, and the second column identifies the specific passage(s) from the first table that provide support for that paragraph.

By way of example, according to the claim table for claim 2, support for the second paragraph of claim 2 can be found at locations identified in rows "F" and "M" from the reference table.

In an effort to facilitate the Board's review, Applicant has also annotated the claims in the claim tables with reference numerals corresponding to those used in the drawings and in the specification.

Accordingly, section (5) of the Appeal Brief as filed is believed to comply with Rule 41.37.

No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, to the extent fees are due, or if a refund is forthcoming, please adjust our deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket 12587-015001.

Respectfully submitted,

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